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SUBJ: STATUS OF USNS VESSELS AND OTHER GOVERNMENT
OWNED VESSELS OPERATED ON NON-COMMERCIAL SERVICES

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1. WE HAVE HAD NO DIFFICULTIES IN CONNECTION WITH
VISIT TO EGYPTIAN PORTS BY USNS AND RELATED VESSELS,
BUT HAVE EXPERIENCED SOME PROBLEMS IN CONNECTION WITH
SUEZ CANAL TRANSITS. EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES AT PORT SAID
AND SUEZ, ENTRY POINTS TO CANAL, HAVE OCCASIONALLY
DEMANDED LOGBOOK, SHIP'S REGISTRY, AND/OR OTHER RELATED
SHIP'S PAPERS. ON OCCASION, WHEN MASTERS COMPLAINED,
EGYPTIAN OFFICIALS HAVE INSISTED VESSEL COULD NOT PROCEED
UNLESS THIS IS DONE. EGYPTIANS GENERALLY DO NOT CONSIDER
USNS AND RELATED VESSELS AS IN SAME CATEGORY AS US NAVY
WARSHIPS. ON SOME OCCASIONS, VESSEL HAS HAD TO LEAVE
WITHOUT SHIP'S PAPERS, WHICH SOMEHOW OR ANOTHER WERE LOST
BY EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES.

2. WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING SUBJECT FOR SOME TIME WITH
APPROPRIATE GOE OFFICIALS WITH A VIEW TO WORKING OUT
MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE PROCEDURES. NAVATT HAS HAD
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DISCUSSIONS ON HOW TO RESOLVE PROBLEM. IN RECENT DISCUS-
SIONS WITH NAVATT, CONSENSUS VIEW OF EGYPTIAN AUTHORITIES
EMERGED THAT IF THREE COPIES OF SUEZ CANAL CERTIFICATE
FOR EACH MSC VESSEL USING CANAL COULD BE GIVEN SUEZ
CANAL AUTHORITIES FOR RETENTION, PROBLEM REGARDING REMOVAL
OF SHIPS' DOCUMENTS COULD BE RESOLVED. NAVATT HAS NOW
OBTAINED U.S. NAVY APPROVAL THAT COPIES OF SUEZ CANAL

CERTIFICATES AS REQUESTED BE PROVIDED, BUT NO OTHER
DOCUEMNTS. ON NEXT VISIT TO PORT SAID HE WILL EXPLORE
WHETHER THIS WILL SATISFY EGYPTIAN REQUIREMENTS.

3. WHILE STILL UNRESOLVED, WE BELIEVE TRANSIT PROBLEM
IS PROGRESSING AND SOME SOLUTION WILL BEFORE LONG BE
FOUND.

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